

**PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 16, 2000**

PRESENT: Stephen Donohue, Robert Karnauskas, Herbert Garn, and Roger Hall (by teleconference)

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall Jr., Becky Fry; William Black, Legal Counsel, for portions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen Donohue, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum of four members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6/14/00)

MOTION: Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Secretary Cummings was unavailable to address the Section.

- **Board Member Workshop Report**

Mr. Hall informed the Section that the workshop was well attended and very informative.

- **Ethics Board Opinion: Board Member Testifying as an Expert Witness**

William Black reviewed William Dusso's July 13, 2000, and indicated the memo spoke to general options for a board member testifying as an expert witness in a malpractice case, involving a licensed professional hydrologist, who comes under the regulation of the Section. Specific cases of recusal would need to be judged on a case-by-case basis by contacting William Black, Legal Counsel; William Dusso, General Counsel; or the Ethics Board directly."

Bureau Director's Report

- **Section Roster/2001 Proposed Meeting Dates/To-Do List**

The Section noted the current roster included in the agenda packet.

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to approve the proposed 2001 meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hall reviewed the to-do list included in the agenda packet.

- **Regulatory Digest**

The Section reviewed the draft of the Regulatory Digest. Articles on the complaint process, practice issues, and examination dates will be included in the Regulatory Digest.

The Section recommended including a digest article explaining the examination options for licensure.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request to Promulgate Administrative Rule Exempting Limnologists From Hydrologist Licensure, 6/27/00, Lazich

The Section reviewed the letter received from Senator Lazich's office.

MOTION: Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to request additional information relating to the practice of limnology and to invite affected individuals to address the Section at the September 26, 2000, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to convene to closed session specifically to discuss clarification of Thomas Slawski Professional Hydrologist Licensure Application Denial, to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.), to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.), and, to confer with Legal Counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried by roll call vote: Roger Hall-yes; Herbert Garn-yes; Robert Karnauskas-yes; Stephen Donohue-yes.

Open Session recessed and the Closed Session convened at 10:19 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section deliberated on clarification of Thomas Slawski's Professional Hydrologist licensure application denial.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, Open Session reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to reaffirm the denial of Professional Hydrology Licensure for Thomas Slawski, to amend the Findings of Fact on education and experience requirements to include specific dates of education and experience, and to provide a n explanation for the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Darwin Tichenor addressed the Section regarding the American Institute of Hydrology (AIH) Updates. Mr. Tichenor informed the Section that he received a call from the chairman of the program committee inviting a member of the Wisconsin Hydrology Section to represent Wisconsin. The representative would give a presentation on the Wisconsin licensure process at the annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, November 6-8, 2000. Mr. Tichenor stated AIH would provide airfare, one night lodging and one day registration for the Section representative.

The Section discussed the options for AIH to take ownership and assume responsibility of administering the examination for professional hydrologist licensure. It was suggested that Darwin Tichenor provide a letter of understanding and summary of options to AIH relating to such action.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.